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SLIP-RESISTANT HORIZONTAL SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER BOAT

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This reply is made in response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2001. Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor wafer boat comprising:

- a) a first end and a second end;
- b) a plurality of slots positioned between the first and second ends for receiving semiconductor wafers therein, the semiconductor wafers being substantially circular and having an upper area and a lower area, each of the slots comprises first and second upper support guides to maintain the semiconductor wafers in a vertical

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